



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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Resolution 05-01

WHEREAS the Washington State Board of Health was established by the Washington State Constitution in 1889;

WHEREAS the Board provides a forum for the development of public health policy in Washington State;

WHEREAS the Board is empowered to hold hearings and explore ways to improve the health status of the citizenry;

WHEREAS Thomas H. Locke, M.D., M.P.H. was appointed to the Board in January 1995 as the representative of local health officers and was reappointed twice;

WHEREAS Dr. Locke was appointed Chair of the Board in August 2004;

WHEREAS Dr. Locke has provided leadership in developing a variety of Board rules, including those related to immunizations, newborn screening, reportable conditions, HIV/AIDS, and communicable disease control;

WHEREAS, in the wake of the September 2001 terrorist attacks, Dr. Locke sponsored a report titled, "Response Capacity in a Health Emergency: A Review of Selected Issues," and subsequently sponsored the development of new isolation and quarantine rules;

WHEREAS Dr. Locke chaired the Board's Access Committee, which produced the "Recommended Critical Health Services for Washington State Residents," and has been uncompromising and untiring in his efforts to ensure all of Washington's residents unfailingly have access to critical health services;

WHEREAS Dr. Locke has approached his work with a steadfast commitment to fairness, evidence-based decision-making, and quality improvement;

WHEREAS Dr. Locke has accomplished this and more with strength, clarity, wisdom, respect, and a wry and self-deprecating sense of humor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes and thanks Dr. Tom Locke for more than a decade of dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of Washington State by working to assure the public health as a member of the Washington State Board of Health.

Carl Osaki, Vice Chair